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Applicants: Takaki NAKAMURA et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 10, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2007, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 20, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.